the institution is the representative payee, it will not be permitted to retain any portion of these benefits for the cost of the recipient's current maintenance excepting nominal sums for reimbursement for outlays for the recipient's personal needs.

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§416.213 You do not accept vocational rehabilitation services.

If you are disabled or blind, you must accept any appropriate vocational rehabilitation services offered to you by the State agency to which we refer you. If you refuse these services, you are not eligible for benefits unless you have a good reason for not accepting them. The rules on vocational rehabilitation services are in subpart Q.

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§416.214 You are disabled and drug addiction or alcoholism is a contributing factor material to the determination of disability.

(a) If you do not comply with treatment requirements. If you receive benefits because you are disabled and drug addiction or alcoholism is a contributing factor material to the determination of disability (see §416.935), you must avail yourself of any appropriate treatment for your drug addiction or alcoholism at an approved institution or facility when this treatment is available and make progress in your treatment. You are not eligible for SSI benefits beginning with the month after the month you are notified in writing that we determined that you have failed to comply with the treatment requirements. If your benefits are suspended because you failed to comply with treatment requirements, you will not be eligible to receive benefits until you have demonstrated compliance with treatment for a period of time, as specified in §416.1326. The rules regarding treatment for drug addiction and alcoholism are in subpart I of this part.

(b) If you previously received 36 months of SSI or Social Security benefits. You are not eligible for SSI benefits by reason of disability on the basis of drug addiction or alcoholism as described in \$416.935 if—

(1) You previously received a total of 36 months of SSI benefits on the basis of disability and drug addiction or alcoholism was a contributing factor material to the determination of disability for months beginning March 1995, as described in §416.935. Not included in these 36 months are months before March 1995 and months for which your benefits were suspended for any reason. The 36-month limit is no longer effective for months beginning after September 2004; or

(2) You previously received a total of 36 months of Social Security benefits counted in accordance with the provisions of §\$404.316, 404.337, and 404.352 by reason of disability on the basis of drug addiction or alcoholism as described in §404.1535.

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§416.215 You leave the United States.

You lose your eligibility for SSI benefits for any month during all of which you are outside of the United States. If you are outside of the United States for 30 days or more in a row, you are not considered to be back in the United States until you are back for 30 days in a row. You may again be eligible for SSI benefits in the month in which the 30 days end if you continue to meet all other eligibility requirements.

By *United States*, we mean the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

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§416.216 You are a child of armed forces personnel living overseas.

(a) *General rule.* You may be eligible for continuation of SSI benefits if you live overseas and if—